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California Environmental Protection Agency

California's County and City Environmental Health Services Delivery System

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) publication *A National Strategy to Revitalize Environmental Health Services* presented a sober characterization of environmental health (EH) delivery systems in the United States. Significant concerns pivoted around seven major conditions including the state of the practitioner labor pool, service delivery capacity, information management, and stakeholder engagement. The Loma Linda University School of Public Health, Office of Public Health Practice & Workforce Development completed a study to assess the current status of county and city environmental health service delivery in California under a grant from the CDC. The result of the study can be found at: http://www.llu.edu/llu/sph/ophp/documents/eh_report2006.pdf

Certified Unified Program Agency Evaluation Results

California law requires that the Secretary of Cal/EPA periodically review the ability of each CUPA to carry out the requirements of the Unified Program. The goal is to assess whether the CUPA is effectively implementing all of the Unified Program elements and is meeting the intent of the law: coordination, consolidation, and consistency of all Unified Program elements. Cal/EPA annually assesses each of the CUPAs thorough a review of specific reports to determine those that will have a more in-depth evaluation by a team of staff from each state agency with Unified Program responsibilities. The results of these evaluations are now available on the Unified Program web site at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/CUPA/>

Department of Toxic Substances Control

DTSC's Chief Counsel resigns

DTSC's Chief Counsel, Tim Swickard, resigned on June 14, 2006 to pursue a position in the private sector. In his departing note, Chief Counsel Swickard said that it had been an honor serving the Governor, the Department and the people of the State of California in protecting California's environment.

New Hazardous Waste Manifests

U.S. EPA regulations, that go into effect on September 5, 2006, mandate use of the new national Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest. For more information go to: <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/IDManifest/Manifests.cfm>

State Water Resources Control Board

New State Water Board UST Program Manager

The new UST Program Manager at the State Water Board is Kevin Graves. Kevin is no stranger to the UST Program having led efforts in UST cleanup and Geotracker development. As a Registered Civil and Mechanical Engineer, Kevin has also provided technical assistance to the leak prevention side of the UST Program.

ICC CA UST Inspector Certification Renewal

On May 30 an education program that allows inspectors to comply with the renewal requirement of CCR, Title 23, Section 2715(j)(2) by "satisfying equivalent criteria" in lieu of retaking the ICC California UST Inspector exam was approved. Please see attachments for additional information. UST Program Contact: Laura Chaddock (Ichaddock@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5870) or John Elkins (jelkins@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5668).

ICC CA UST Inspector Status Survey

In cooperation with the CUPA Forum Board, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is gathering statewide information on the number of local agency employees who are conducting UST inspections and possess an ICC CA UST Inspector certification. On February 1, we sent an email to the CUPA Single-Point of Contact (SPOC) requesting this information for their jurisdiction by February 28. To date, the State Water Board has received 91 responses to the Survey. State Water Board staff and UST Issue Coordinators will work with the remaining 8 CUPA programs who have not responded to obtain the requested information.

UST Program Contact: John Elkins (jelkins@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5668).

Single-Walled UST Survey

On September 22, 2005 in cooperation with the CUPA Forum Board, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) sent each local agency a survey to gather information on the number of UST facilities with single-walled UST systems (SW tanks with SW piping, SW tanks with DW piping, and/or DW tanks with SW piping). Additionally, information was requested on the number of SW UST systems that serve as the only fueling location for large rural geographical areas. To date, the State Water Board has received 92 responses to the Survey. State Water Board staff and UST Issue Coordinators will work with the remaining 7 CUPA programs who have not responded to obtain the requested information.

UST Program Contact: John Elkins (jelkins@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5668).

ICC Certification Status

As of April 30, 2006, a total of 452 persons had obtained ICC UST Inspector Certificates. We recommend that, when an UST inspector signs UST facility inspection reports, the inspector also include his or her ICC UST Inspector Certificate number. Other ICC California UST programs: Designated UST Operators -3798; UST Service Technicians -915; UST Installers with a California address - 595.

UST Program Contact: Laura Chaddock (Ichaddock@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5870).

CUPA Quarterly Reporting (Report 6)

For the October-December 2005 quarter, 90 CUPAs and PAs (87% of the 103 CUPAs/PAs) submitted quarterly reports (Report 6, Title 27 regulations). UST inspections for Significant Operational Compliance (SOC) totaled 3,128, compared to the previous quarter's 3,074 inspections. Local agencies reported that 77% of inspected facilities were in SOC with release detection requirements, 80% were in SOC with release prevention requirements, and 73% were in SOC with both release detection and release prevention requirements. CUPAs issued 29 Red Tags during this quarter. As of December 30, 2005, there were 16,002 UST facilities; 38,049 active and 122,447 closed petroleum USTs; and 3,396 active and 20,091 closed hazardous substance USTs. During the October-December 2005 quarter, the following closures were reported: 163 UST facilities, 848 petroleum USTs, and 81 hazardous substance USTs. UST Program Contact: Terry Snyder (tsnyder@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5385)

Office of Emergency Services

Area Plan Workshop

OES and LEPC Region I and Region VI are co-sponsoring a one-day course. The agenda includes:

- ~Area Plan Requirements BASIC Overview
- ~HMEP Grant Information
- ~Pesticide Drift Requirements
- ~Area Plan Forum Discussion
- ~Workshop Exercise

The training workshop is offered on June 29th, 2006 in Diamond Bar, CA. The Registration Deadline is June 19, 2006. If interested please register by email to pbeswick@mwdh2o.com. If you have any questions contact Paul Beswick at (213) 217-5533.

Basic Training Workshop

OES and the Central CUPA Forum are co-sponsoring a one-day course. The agenda includes:

- ~Business Plan Program
- ~CalARP Program
- ~Spill Release Reporting Requirements

The training workshop is offered on August 16th, 2006 in Clovis, CA. If interested contact Vincent Mendes at (559) 445-3271.

Office of the State Fire Marshal

Integrating the International Fire Code

The Office of the State Fire Marshal, along with other state agencies and non-government organizations, is in the process of developing and proposing a new Building and Fire Code for California using the International Building and Fire Codes as the base document. For more information, visit the Office of the State Fire Marshal website at: <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov>

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